



Committee on Homeland Security

Democrats
Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member

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SENIOR STAFF NAMED TO DEMOCRATIC OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

Washington, DC — Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Ranking Member of the House Homeland Security Committee, named the following senior staff to the Democratic Office of the Committee on Homeland Security:

- **Calvin R. Humphrey** as **Democratic Staff Director**
- **Jessica R. Herrera** as **Chief Counsel and Deputy Staff Director**
- **Sue Ramanathan** as **Deputy Chief Counsel**
- **Todd Gee** as **Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel**

"I am pleased to announce that Calvin, Jessica, Sue and Todd have accepted the challenge of leading the Democratic Staff on Homeland Security. Each of them brings expert knowledge, skills and experience to their respective positions," said Congressman Thompson. **"As the Committee and the Congress protect the homeland, the Democratic Committee Staff will be the resource of choice for those seeking information and leadership. Once the staff roster is complete, we will have the most talented and diverse Committee staff in Congress' history."**

Calvin R. Humphrey most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Humphrey International Inc, a company he founded in 2001 after serving fifteen distinguished years in government service. Mr. Humphrey was appointed in 1998 to serve as Acting Assistant Secretary and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Office of Policy and International Affairs at the Department of Energy. At the Department, he developed and led the government's efforts to establish energy partnerships with Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia and the Caribbean. Prior to his service at the U.S. Department of Energy, Mr. Humphrey served as Senior Counsel for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Mr. Humphrey's appointment marked the first time in American history that a minority occupied a professional position on this important Committee. In recognition of his distinguished service, Mr. Humphrey was awarded the Central Intelligence Agency's Seal Medallion and the National Security Agency's Trailblazer Award. Mr. Humphrey holds a BS from Bradley University and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center.

Jessica R. Herrera served in the last Congress as Counsel to the Select Committee on Homeland Security, where she handled cybersecurity, critical infrastructure protection, privacy, and civil liberties issues. Ms. Herrera previously served as Senior Counsel to the Computer Crime & Intellectual Property Section in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, where she headed a team of prosecutors responsible for pursuing hackers, virus writers, and other cybercriminals. Ms. Herrera also has worked as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Washington, D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office and as an attorney at the Washington, D.C. law firm Crowell & Moring LLP. Ms. Herrera holds a BA from Yale University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Sue Ramanathan served in the last Congress as Counsel to the Select Committee on Homeland Security, where she handled border security and immigration issues. Prior to joining the Committee, Ms. Ramanathan served as Senior Policy Advisor and Counsel to Congressman Zoe Lofgren. She also has worked for the American Bar Association and the Office of Senator Joseph I. Lieberman. Ms. Ramanathan holds a BA from Rutgers College, a JD from Rutgers School of Law, and an LL.M in International and Comparative Law from Georgetown University Law Center.

Todd Gee returns to the House after working as a political consultant and lobbyist in Mississippi and as a federal clerk in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Gee previously served as senior aide to Congressman Thompson for several years. Mr. Gee holds a BA from The George Washington University and a JD from Tulane Law School.

Mr. Thompson plans to name other key Committee staffers in the coming weeks.

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